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## President's Message

Just weeks now before we meet at our Annual Meeting (held in conjunction with the **Royal Canadian Numismatic Association's** Annual Convention) in my home city of Calgary, Alberta. Again, our **Annual C.A.W.M.C. 2-hour Breakfast Meeting** will be on the Saturday, July 21st, 2012 at 8 a.m. in the Rideau Room of the convention. We are keeping the breakfast cost the same as last year \$20 per member. This event will be a great opportunity to meet fellow collectors and do some friendly trading. If you are planning to attend and have not done so, please make your reservations quickly. Please plan on bringing some extra woods for our friendly auction after the meeting. We will have some real special items in this auction including what might be the only complete set of woods issued for the juniors. Also I will be hosting a bar-be-que at **Neil Probert's** home on the last Sunday of the convention. If you are coming to the convention please plan on staying an extra day and take in the bar-be-que. Our Annual Meeting is an opportunity to honour members who have put forth extraordinary effort to support our hobby. If you would like to nominate someone as a potential recipient of an award please advise me at one of the contact points shown above.

Good luck in your collecting activities. You can reach me at, Box 2643, Station M, Calgary, Alberta, Canada, T2P 3C1., by phone at 403-273-6133 or by e-mail at wood5cents@shaw.ca.

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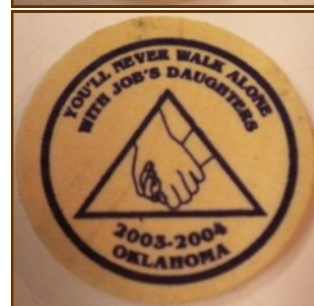
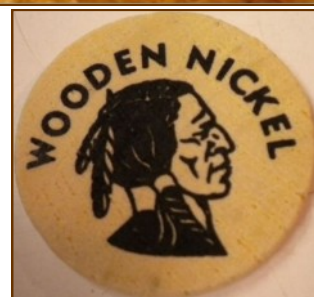
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The Supreme Bethel consists of Job's Daughters (Masonic) from around the world. The Supreme Bethel Officers, Representatives, Installing Officers and Installing Flag Bearers are selected at the Supreme Bethel meeting held at Supreme Session each year. In its present form, the Supreme Bethel dates back to 1969. Before that rather than a Supreme Bethel Honored Queen, an Honorary Supreme Queen was selected. That dated back to 1954. Prior to that, a "Queen of the Ball" was selected. No information prior to 1949 is available.

The Supreme Bethel Honored Queen for 2003-2004 was Renea Spoonmore, Wyoming who was the outgoing queen at the 2004 event in where the incoming queen was Laureen Stadle, Arizona 2004-2005. The next event is 2012 in Baltimore. This 1-1/2" wood honors the Supreme Session held in Oklahoma. Job's Daughters is an international organization teaching young women (age 10-20) in leadership, teamwork, public speaking, self-confidence, philanthropy, respect and responsibility. Bethel #40 is in Ontario (Canada) and their Supreme Rep Shirley attended Oklahoma.





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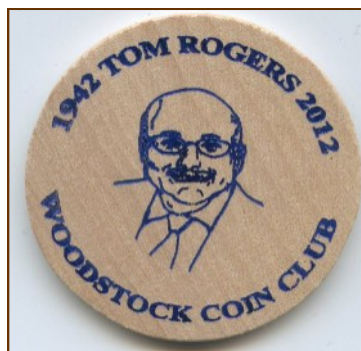
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## Another Hot Woods Deal!

**David ("Rusty")** has another hot deal. In this lot is 97 Quebec woods (57 rounds and 40 flats) for \$63.05 (i.e. @63 cents each) plus actual postage. The first person to contact David gets the deal! His e-mail is rustybetty@telus.net.

In September, we can expect another deal, this time on New Brunswick woods, then October will be Nova Scotia woods, and then back to Ontario for November woods.

## Memorial Wood to Honour Tom Rogers!



Woodstock Coin Club arranged for a wood in honour of **Tom Rogers**, and **Fred Freeman** arranged with **Canada Wide Woods** for a suitable design. **Larry Walker** had a local artist draw the image. The total quantity issued of the 44mm / 1-3/4" wood 600 and each paid up member of Woodstock Coin Club was given five woods and distribution was arranged for members of the Waterloo, Brantford, Stratford, Ingersoll and London clubs to receive one each. Any leftovers would be at the August 2012 Woodstock Coin Show.

**Livio De Marchi** is a Venetian artist who makes wooden cars, like the wood Ferrari right and the VW beetle below. His cars do float enabling De Marchi to drive through the canals of Venice.







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## R.C.N.A. 59th Annual Convention

Free Wood of the Month of July 2012 from Judy Blackman



RCNA-001, 38mm round, obverse blue, reverse multi (blue shadowed, red), 150. This is the sixth time Calgary was host to an C.N.A. / R.C.N.A. convention. This year, it's also the Centennial of the Calgary Stampede. Each year there is a medal issued for the convention. Below are the previous medals issued 2005, 1995, 1987, 1975, and 1968.



## *Adams, a True Lion Heart!*



**DISTRICT GOVERNOR  
LION R. DOUGLAS ADAMS  
1983 -1984**

Lion R. Douglas Adams joined the Yarmouth Lions Club as a Charter Member in April 1956 for a short period, but resigned in October 1956 to pursue work in Halifax. He then joined the Spryfield Lions Club in 1972 and maintained 100% Perfect Attendance for several years. Lion Doug served in varied Officer Positions in the Club except that of Tail Twister and Lion Tamara; and he served as President and as Secretary on several occasions. Lion Doug served for over 20 years on the Board of Directors of Spryfield Lions club and had over 2,000 Visitations. He Chaired or served on numerous Club Committees and projects for the club. Doug was also Lioness Liaison for the Spryfield Lioness Club, twice. He was involved with the forming of the Timberlea Area and The Prospect Lions Clubs, and was the Guiding Lion for both. Doug was rebuilding Lion for the Hubbards Lions Clubs.

At the District Level Lion, Doug was: District Governor; Cabinet Secretary Treasurer 1987-1988; Deputy District Governor; Zone Chair; Chairman for Sight Conservation and Work with Blind; Chairman Hearing Impaired and Work with Deaf; Chairman Diabetes Education; Chairman Organ Donor Awareness (3 years); District Auditor; Chairman Membership Retention; Foundation Director and Treasurer Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia; District Training (12 years); Extension Chairman 1986-1987 (St. Margaret's Bay Club formed that year); Campaign Sight-First Chairman (three years); Lion Orientation (four years); and Chairman Long-Range Planning Committee. At The Multiple District Level (MD41), Lion Doug was: President of the Past District Governor's Association for Multiple District 41; Drug Awareness Chairman; Long-Range Planning and Finance Committee; Campaign Chairman for Past International Director Len Giffen; Served twice on the International Elections Committee; Chairman Membership Development; and Co-Chair Leadership Development / Lions Information.

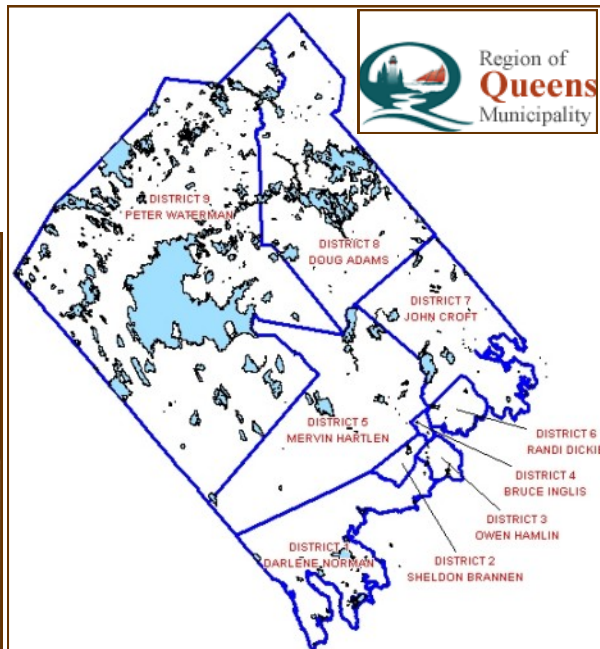
Lion Doug's recognitions: Melvin Jones Fellow; 5 International President Certificates of Appreciation; International President Jim Fowler's Commendation Award Medal (1984); International President William Wonder's Award Medal (1987); International President William Woolward's Leadership Medal (1996); Distinguished Service Medal Lions Foundation of Canada; Life Member Lions Club International (Spryfield Lions Club); Life Member Lions Foundation of Canada; Life Member Lions Foundation of Nova Scotia; 100% District Governor; 100% President's Award; 7-100% Secretary Awards; 8 District Governor Appreciation Awards; Master Key Award; 2 Extension Awards; and Best Secretary Award District 41N2.

During Lion Doug's year as District Governor three new Clubs were formed. Lion Doug has attended nine International Conventions. In 1997 he was awarded the Province of Nova Scotia Volunteer Award for the Region of Queens Municipality.

While in Spryfield, Lion Doug was also involved with the Spryfield Little League, Minor Hockey, Boy Scouts, and the YMCA. He has also run in the New York Marathon. He has further been involved in many areas of the community including: Chairman Greenfield Recreation Association; Founding Member and Chair of the Lunenburg / Queens Seniors Information Line; Served on Board of Directors of the Queens County V.O.N.; Served on the Liverpool / Queens Development Commission; Member of the Greenfield District Fire Department; Chairman of Queens Housing Authority (1994-2000); Vice-Chair South Shore Housing Authority; and Member of Greenfield Area Citizens on Patrol.

Presently Doug is Councillor for The Region of Queens Municipality (Liverpool, Nova Scotia), elected in 2000, and has been Deputy Mayor for seven of the past eleven years. He is Councillor for District 8: Pleasant River; North Brookfield; South Brookfield; Wildcat Reserve; Greenfield; Buckfield; Bangs Falls; Middlefield; LaBelle and Pleasantfield. As per the government website, Doug's home phone number is (902) 685-3241 and his e-mail is radams@eastlink.ca. Doug and Shirley are living in retirement in Greenfield, Queens County. They have two sons, Stephen and Timothy, one grandson and one grand-daughter. Doug is retired from CBC Radio in Halifax.

Left to right: Mr. Doug Adams, Deputy Mayor for Region of Queens Municipality, Mr. Gerald Keddy, Member of Parliament for South Shore - St. Margaret's and Mr. Phil Roberts, Mayor for the Town of Annapolis Royal.



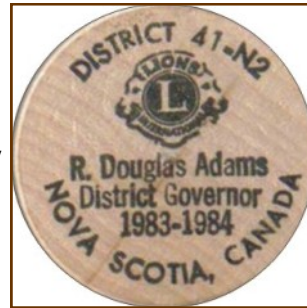




April 2009: The Region of Queens Municipality announced the Province of Nova Scotia, through the Department of Economic and Rural Development is contributing \$97,672 towards the cost of pre-design and schematic design architectural services for "Queens Place". "The design of Queens Place is critical to user satisfaction and the long-term viability of the facility. We are pleased to receive this support to help with the architectural costs and to ensure an energy-efficient building," said R. Doug Adams (second from the left), Councillor and Chair of the Queens Place Committee. "Recreational facilities are now included in the Federal Building Canada Fund and so we are confident that our project will be treated equitably by all levels of government." The funding announcement was made by Carolyn Bolivar-Getson, Minister of Natural Resources on behalf of the Honourable Murray Scott, Minister of Economic and Rural Development. Minister Bolivar-Getson was accompanied by Kerry Morash, Rural Outreach Coordinator for the Premier's Office.



On April 16 (2009) South Shore St. Margaret's MP Gerald Keddy came to Queens County to announce a \$7-million grant for the upcoming Queens Place Recreation and Community Centre. "Investments like these help Nova Scotians compete and thrive economically," he said. "With seating for 900, we'll have room for everything from Hockey to Hunk." He added Queens Place is more than just a brick and mortar building, but a keystone to this area that will help attract youth and professionals to Queens. Queens Place Chair Councillor R. Doug Adams (pictured far left) said, "We will have a fitness centre second to none, which will benefit the whole South Shore." He said they are hoping to open by 2011, but then corrected himself. "I am sure that we will be ready to open 2011." The Queens Place Centre open December 19, 2011 in Brooklyn, Nova Scotia providing a new recreational, social and cultural facility for Queens County giving residents access to high-quality sports and recreation opportunities to stay fit and healthy, while having fun. In Norm's catalogue, this is referenced as 2450 -021 1984 500 qty, BL/ BL, round 38 mm.



The following was taken from the History of Lionism in Nova Scotia published by Lion Cliff Edwards: NOVA SCOTIA BECOMES DISTRICT 41N2

Lionism first spread in our direction when Governor King of the state of Massachusetts chartered the first Club in Maine in 1923, at Portland. In 1928 with 8 Clubs, Maine gained District status under the first Governor, Lion Fred H. Gabbi, and became known as District 41. The period 1928 to 1938 saw 35 Clubs formed including McAdam, N.B. which joined the family of lions in 1930 and Edmunston, N.B. in 1938. It was then that District 41 was divided into two parts 41A Western Maine and 41B eastern Maine which included the New Brunswick Clubs. From 1938 to 1946, thirty more Clubs were formed and during this period Lion Harry E. Marimen of Edmunston became the first Canadian Governor of the Multiple District 41. Grand Falls, N.B. chartered in 1940, became the third centre of Lionism in New Brunswick. The Saint John, N.B. Club was chartered on June 18, 1941 by Governor Lion Hugh McGuire of Presque Isle, Maine, and so became the mother Club of District 41C, the Maritime Provinces, the result of a further split of Multiple District 41 due to rapid growth.

The first Club in Nova Scotia was organized in Halifax in 1945. The same year the Halifax Club sponsored the Dartmouth Club which was chartered November 25, 1945 and the Middleton Club chartered December 8, 1945, which was followed by Corner Brook, Nfld., which was chartered in 1948. PEI joined the family of Lionism in August 1949 with the chartering of a Club in Montague. Gordon Malcolm of Saint John was the charter Governor of District 41C serving during the year 1946-47. From 1946 to 1951 fifty more Clubs were added and the need arose to split the District once again. 14A1 became Western Maine, 41A2 Central Maine, 41B Eastern Maine and 41C the Maritimes. In 1954, the designations of Multiple District 41 were changed from ABC to L-I-O-N, covering the same area indicated above and in 1957, a further division, prompted by the addition of another 54 Clubs since 1952, created District 41S, Newfoundland. Because of travel distance and growth, District 41N was divided into District 41N1, which includes New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, and District 41N2 which embraces Nova Scotia. The formation of a Lions Club in St. Pierre et Miquelon in 1953 brought our Multiple District District under the influence of three national flags – United States, Canada and France. This "three flag representation" continued until 1982.

In June, 1947, when Nova Scotia was still part of District 41C, there were 7 Lions Clubs in the Province with a membership of 111. Two years later, 1949, the number of Clubs in Nova Scotia had doubled to 14 with a membership of 488. By 1961, the number of Clubs in the Province had increased to 33. By the turn of the decade, the number of Clubs reported in the District was 53. By 1986 Lions International reported that District 41N2 had 71 Clubs with a membership of 2216. In 2011 there were 69 Clubs in District N2 with membership in excess of 1700.

## Stouffville Centennial 187-1977

Whitchurch Township was established 1792 (settlers started arriving 1794 mostly Pennsylvania / Vermont / New York Quakers and Hessian / German soldiers) when the new province was divided into 19 counties. The 14<sup>th</sup> county was York and included Town of York (now Toronto) and 10 townships. York County stretched from Lake Ontario to Lake Simcoe until 1834 when the City of Toronto separated from York County.



Whitchurch, named after a town in Herefordshire (England), included the area bounded by Stouffville Road (Main Street) to the South, Yonge Street to the West, Davis Drive to the North and Durham Regional Road 30 to the East. It was divided into farm lots 1800-1802. The strip of land between the concession roads was called a concession and each were divided into squares by the side roads with each division known as blocks and each block consisting of 5 x 200 acres farm lots except for the SouthEast corner which were triangular and had varied sizes.



Abraham Stouffer, who came from Pennsylvania in 1804, settled on a total of 600 acres of land in the SouthEast corner of the township which bordered Markham Township. At the current intersections of Main and Market as well as Main and Mill Streets, Stouffer established saw and grist mills (on the banks of Duffin's Creek). Other businesses grew up around Stouffer's mills and soon amenities such as a church and school were added to the growing hamlet which was then known as Stoufferville. In 1832, when the post office was established, the name was shortened to Stouffville. Eventually after sufficient growth, it became incorporated in 1877 as a municipality (Village of Stouffville) separate from the township giving it control over taxation.



Ontario, Huron & Simcoe Railway came to Whitchurch Township in 1853. In 1871 the Toronto & Nipissing Railway arrived in Stouffville, running from Scarborough to Cobocok. It was brought in to manage the shipments of lumber. In 1878 the Lake Simcoe Junction Railway linked Stouffville to Jackson's Point to support further timber trade. The forest harvesting damaged the soil quality causing soil erosion and creating large areas of blow sand and deserts. In the early 1870s reforestation plans started to develop but was not taken seriously politically until the early 1900s with the Provincial Reforestation Act passed in 1921. At first the railway brought prosperity and growth to Stouffville but it ultimately caused their decline after the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as they were unable to compete with the larger market and manufacturers of Toronto. Toronto became a metropolitan in 1954 following the rapid urban expansion which came after World War II.



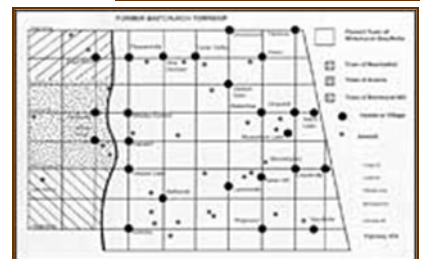
In 1970 the Ontario Government established our current two-tier municipal system. York County (14 townships and villages) was dissolved and replaced in 1971 with the Regional Municipality of York (9 municipalities). Whitchurch Township and the Village of Stouffville were reunited to form the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville. The original Northern and Eastern boundaries of Whitchurch Township serve as the boundaries of Whitchurch-Stouffville. The Western boundary was moved East from Yonge Street to Highway 404. The Southern boundary was moved further South of Stouffville Road by 4 farm lots, encompassing a portion of the former Markham Township.



Mrs. Jean Barkey has a long-standing contribution in preserving and promoting history, building heritage and cultural materials of Whitchurch-Stouffville, and she was awarded the Ontario Heritage Trust's 2008 Lieutenant Governor's Ontario Heritage Award. As a long-standing resident, and descendent of the founding Pipher and Barkey families, Jean has been a tireless supporter and promoter of local history for more than 35 years, and has been a pillar of the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum which opened in 1971. She was instrumental in forming the Stouffville Centennial Committee to organize the Village's Centennial Celebrations of 1977. She formed the Friends of the Museum too to aid in fundraising.

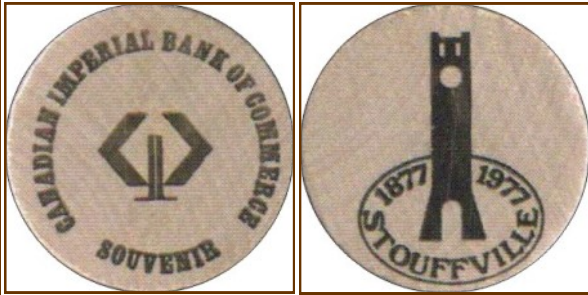


Jean also wrote the book "Stouffville 1877-1977: A Pictorial History" and contributed to several other publications. Jean was the founding member of the Heritage Whitchurch-Stouffville (LACAC) in 1992, and she is a generous, popular local speaker as an ambassador for local heritage. She fostered the funding endeavours for the relocation and restoration of the Brown House at the Museum to which she donated many artifacts and encouraged others to follow suit in creating an irreplaceable collection providing a tangible link to the community.





Mr. Pat Vinish, a well known coin dealer in the Toronto area, issued this wood. He was a regular dealer at the Stouffville Flea Market held each weekend during the summer months. He handed these woods out to his many customers and friends during the Centennial. In Norm's catalogue it is listed as 5875-002 38mm round, BL/BL and 1,000 were issued. In Norman E. Wells catalogue it's listed as R-1 for rarity.



The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce (Stouffville) distributed 10,000 38mm round woods BL/BL for the centennial and its listed as 5875-001 R-1. The wood was actually issued by CIBC head office Marketing Programs Department in Toronto, using the same Obverse Die as used on the Toronto woods. Reverse is a stylized version of the Historic Stouffville Town Hall.



## Old Fashion Dominion Day

To help celebrate Vancouver's Dominion Day (now referred to as Canada Day) which is usually held on July 1st of each year, the Vancouver Centennial Museum held an "Old-Fashioned Dominion Day" celebration on Saturday, July 2nd, 1977, on the grounds surrounding the Vancouver Centennial Museum and MacMillan Planetarium.

A celebration was held with type sports races, sailboard and Indian war canoe races, log-rolling contests, caber tossing events (for hearty Scots) with the public being invited to partake in barbecued short ribs, strawberry shortcake and cool drinks. Everything carried an 1870 Old-Fashioned theme. The ladies and gentlemen were attired in clothing of the era, the ice-cream was made from old-fashioned recipes and the brass bands and dancing groups supplied the 18th century entertainment.

The Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce was pleased to support the community event by underwriting the costs of the wooden tokens which had to be purchased from a booth and then traded for various items for sale. The wooden 38mm rounds were printed in three denominations, namely 25¢ (issue 12,000), 75¢ (issue 1,000) and \$1 (issue 4,000), all rated R-1.

The artwork was designed by Frand Lewis, a Vancouver freelance illustrator. The obverse describes the Old-Fashioned Dominion Day while the reverse shows the denomination along with a bearded face and the symbol of the CIBC with the denomination.

In order to help make change easier, the reverse printing was in a common maroon colour while the obverse of the 25¢ was blue, the 75¢ was green and the \$1 was red. The Committee did not anticipate the large turnout and there was much confusion in handling these tokens due to the common maroon reverse with different denominations.

Norman Wells said in 1979, "I am not sure at this date if these sets are still available, but you may write to the Gift Shop, Vancouver Centennial Museum, 1100 Chestnut Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6J 3J9. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped-envelope with payment in the sum of \$2."

In 1866 the mainland and island colonies were merged into a single entity "The Colony of British Columbia" and on July 1st 1871, the first Dominion Day was celebrated in British Columbia and she assumed her place as a province of the Dominion of Canada, even though the *Terms of the Union Act* was not official until July 20th, 1871.

The July 1st celebrations – referred to as Canada's Birthday Celebrations, rather than "Dominion Day", which was less popular in Quebec – were part of the federal government's unity strategy. Over \$3 million was allocated to the 1977 celebrations, with slightly less for 1978 and 1979. High-profile performers were sought to participate in a nation-wide broadcast that linked together stages across the country via satellite. The three-hour broadcast was simulcast on 842 of the 844 radio and television stations in the country.

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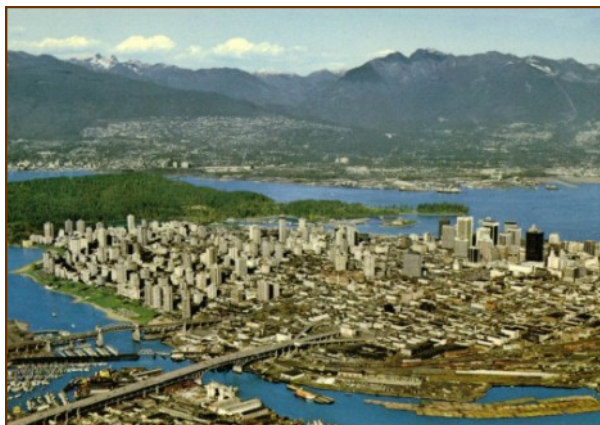
The C.N.A. (now R.C.N.A.) held their 24th Convention there in 1977.



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Pictures of Vancouver in July 1977:



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## Backus Mill, Port Rowan



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Biosphere Reserve



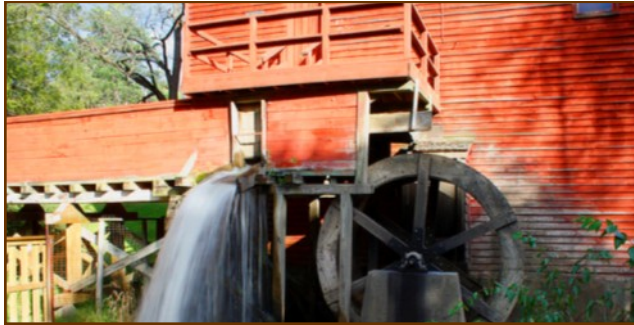
**Backus Family History**  
A Genealogical History of the  
Backus Family and Its Branches



Backus (Backhouse) Mill - Backus Heritage Conservation Area

City: Port Rowan Location: 2 Concession; 2 km north of Port Rowan off Regional Rd. 42, accessible via Hwy. 59 or 24 Phone #: 1-877-900-9932 or 519-586-2201 or 519-586-2019 Website: [www.lprca.ca](http://www.lprca.ca) Hours: Park open May 1 through October 31 Heritage Village open daily only in July and August, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Nature Centre and Mill open weekends in May, June, September, and October, noon - 5:00 pm, daily in July and August, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm Cost: Admission charged

Description: Grist Mill built 1798. Saved during the American raid in 1812. Overshot water- powered wheel, then turbine driven in 1850s, then a roller mill driven by natural gas and coal oil combination in the 1890`s; sold to Long Point Regional Conservation Authority in 1956. Operations ceased in the 1950`s. See how stone ground flour was produced 200 years ago at the Backhouse Mill. Built of hand-hewn beams and in operation from 1798 to 1955, this wooden mill is Ontario`s oldest continually operating grist mill. It has been designated as a National Historic Site in June 2002. This is in the catalogue as 5752-001, 1978, black, oval wood (face is 44mm wide, x 60mm long approx.). There are 2 varieties, plain and stone ground (preserves nutrients in the flour). Unfortunately we don't have any scans only drawings, so if a CAWMC member has pictures of theses woods, please send them to Norm. At the Backus (Backhouse) Mill:



It stands, a memory in wood,  
Along a flowing stream,  
And all its time-worn beauty  
Is enticing you to dream,

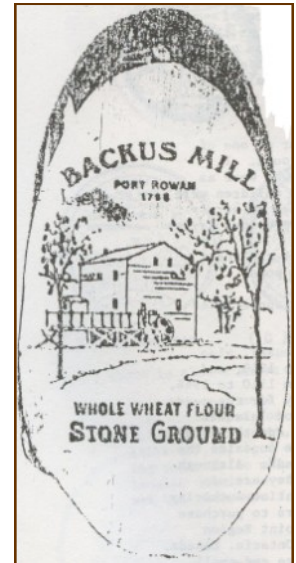
Dream, then, a fading afternoon,  
Old shadows in the sky,  
The mill-wheel slowing turning  
As the river whispers by,

Just now the final weapon has begun  
Its homeward way,  
The miller stands a moment, staring  
At the ending day,

Perchance he looks ahead to you  
As you look back at him;  
Or thinks of little more than how  
The light is growing dim,

The sun sets on the dusky mill,  
It gleams on rain dull wood,  
Leaves beauty by the doorway  
Where the phantom miller stood.

(Nancy Pearce Moki)



Pictures of Backus family on the next page.



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## *A Chuckle* submitted by Edith Lenz

James Parsons, a 42-years-old man from Newfoundland walked into a bank in Toronto and asked for the Loans Officer. He told the Loans Officer that he was going home to Newfoundland on business for two weeks and needed to borrow \$5,000, however he was not a depositor of the bank.

The Loans Officer told him that the bank would need some form of security for the loan, so James handed over the keys to a new Ferrari. The car was parked on the street in front of the bank. James produced the title and everything checked out. The Loans Officer agreed to hold the car as collateral for the loan and apologized for having to charge 12% interest.

Later, the bank's President and its officers all enjoyed a good laugh at James Parsons for using a \$250,000 Ferrari as collateral for a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then drove the Ferrari into the bank's underground garage and parked it.

Two weeks later, the Easterner James Parsons returned, repaid the \$5,000 and the interest of \$23.07. The Loans Officer said, 'Sir, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very nicely, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multimillionaire. What puzzles us is, why would you bother to borrow \$5,000?'

James replied: 'Where else in Toronto can I park my car for two weeks for only \$23.07 and expect it to be there when I return?'

Ah, folks from  
Newfoundland,  
'See! Salt Cod is  
good for the brain.'

